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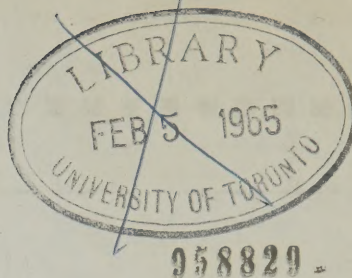
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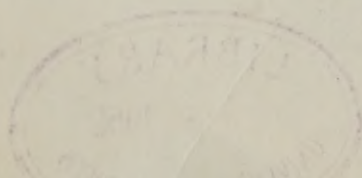




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SURVEY OF FAMILY EXPENDITURES



Survey of Family Expenditures, 1947-48  
(Expenditure by Size of Household)

In the fall of 1948 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics conducted a survey of family expenditure in Canada which covered the twelve months ending August 31, 1948. This reference paper presents some of the results obtained from that survey. It covers the major items of expenditure by region and by family type for the non-farm population. Newfoundland is not included in the report as the survey was initiated before the union of Newfoundland with Canada.

The main purpose of the survey was to provide a picture of the pattern of family expenditures in the post-war period. To describe correctly the way in which families spend their income is a difficult task. A household buys as large a variety of goods as many businesses, and yet, unlike businesses, families rarely keep records of their expenditures. The difficulty of interpreting such data matches the difficulty of securing them; the following notes are presented to assist interpretation.

Expenditure headings in the tables of this paper follow the headings of the questionnaire which was used in the survey. This arrangement is not necessarily the most suitable for analytical requirements but was designed to facilitate accurate and complete recording. Following are definitions of expense data required under some of the principal headings of the questionnaire:

Rent: the amount of rent paid in the 12 survey months ending August 31, 1948. In interpreting the rent figure it must be borne in mind that the survey covered all types of Canadian spending units, including single persons living in lodgings.

The figures of another survey, carried out in February, 1948, on 30,000 non-farm dwelling units (single homes, duplexes, apartments, etc., but not including single rooms) may be cited here. From this large sample an estimated distribution of the rents of all rented non-farm dwelling units is available:

Estimated Distribution of Rents for Non-Farm Dwelling Units  
in February, 1948

<u>Monthly Rent</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
0 - \$ 9.99.....	5
\$10 - \$19.99.....	28
\$20 - \$29.99.....	31
\$30 - \$39.99.....	19
\$40 - \$49.99.....	9
\$50 - \$59.99.....	4
\$60 - \$69.99.....	2
\$70 - \$99.99.....	1
\$100 or more .....	1
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 100

It will be seen that approximately 80% of these dwellings fell below \$40 per month rental. The largest class, 31%, was the \$20 to \$29.99 range. The average rental for Canada was \$27.50, since the lower ranges exercise a predominant influence.

In the 1941 Census, it was shown that the average rent of dwelling units was \$24.00.

Expenses of owned home: the expenses of the home for the months it was owned and lived in by the family in the 12-month survey period. These included current expenses only, such as taxes, interest, etc., but not down payments on new homes, or instalment payments on mortgage principal. These latter were considered as savings.



Furnishings and equipment: expenses in the 12 survey months included the full purchase price of items purchased on the instalment basis, but not instalment payments on goods bought prior to that time. This rule applied to clothing and any other time purchases, health bills, etc.

Net price of cars bought: cost of car purchases during the year minus trade-in allowances on used cars.

Additional detail on the content of the groups in the expenditure patterns will be found in Appendix A to this publication.

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A complete survey of the expenditures of all Canadian families would not only have been prohibitively expensive but very cumbersome. Within certain limitations information derived from a properly designed sample reliably represents a population; as among the items purchased by households however, those less frequently bought will be given less accurately than those regularly bought. The number of schedules tabulated for the several tables of this report is shown in Appendix B.

The households interviewed in the family expenditure survey were part of the sample designed originally to measure the labour force, and used quarterly since the autumn of 1945. Since it was designed to measure any subject which is widely distributed throughout the country's households, it comprised a representative group for a survey of family expenditure.

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The 1947-48 family expenditure survey is the second budget study made by the Bureau. The primary use of the expenditure patterns obtained will be to check and revise the weights for the goods and services included in the cost-of-living index. It is essential to know the pattern of consumption for a representative sample in order to select the items which should be included in the cost-of-living index and to give them their proper weight. This applies to weights for the main groups into which the cost-of-living index is divided, and also to information on the important items which fall in these main groups.

The figures in this paper are based on the sample of spending units including all types of families and individuals in the non-farm population. Spending units are economic families - groups of persons who pooled their income and met living expenses from a common fund.

The most common group was a family consisting of mother, father, and children; but if persons who were not members of the family shared their income or living expenses, they were counted as part of the "economic family". Grown sons and daughters who were working and living at home were included in the parents' economic family where their finances, especially living expenses, were mingled, either formally or informally, with those of their parents. The term "single person" used in the tables refers not to marital status but to financial independence; a "single person" is one whose budget is kept separately from any other person's. Because spending units consisting of single persons are included in the survey, the size of the spending unit on the average was considerably smaller than the census family.

The number of households selected to be interviewed for the family expenditure survey was approximately 13,500. From these 6,000 questionnaires were received, and 4,200 were sufficiently complete for use in compiling the results.

The following tables show average expenditure for non-farm families and single persons for Canada and five regions. They also provide expenditure patterns for Canada for single persons, two adult families, medium-sized families and large families. Medium-sized families are defined as those consisting of two adults and



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Average expenditure of non-farm families and single persons  
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TABLE 1

Canada			
Family expenditure	Proportion reporting the item %	Average for those reporting \$	Average for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	56.4	295	166
Repairs made by tenant .....	23.5	35	8
Expenses of owned home .....	42.2	204	86
Expenses of summer cottage .....	8.2	71	6
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	1.7	114	2
Persons working away from home .....	2.8	96	3
Persons travelling .....	13.5	37	5
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	68.9	118	81
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ..	94.7	118	111
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	97.3	105	102
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	89.9	734	660
Between meal food .....	81.3	27	22
Restaurant meals .....	56.2	84	47
Board .....	24.2	151	37
Beer .....	53.8	45	24
Other Alcoholic drinks .....	45.4	30	14
Furnishings and Equipment .....	88.9	204	181
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	21.0	80	17
Women and girls (over 14) .....	87.4	182	159
Boys (3 to 14) .....	21.8	76	17
Men and Boys (over 14) .....	81.5	131	107
Children (under 3) .....	19.2	37	7
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ..	85.5	37	32
Miscellaneous .....	2.5	19	--
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	8.2	896	74
Automobile operation .....	31.8	256	81
Other .....	87.6	71	63
Medical Care .....	89.7	101	91
Personal Care .....	97.8	41	40
Education and Recreation .....	98.4	171	168
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....			
Insurance Premiums .....	95.5	348	332
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	65.5	48	32
Other - unlisted items .....	6.5	95	6
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	2,781	2,781



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TABLE 2

Family expenditure	Maritimes		
	Proportion reporting the item	Average for those reporting	Average for all spending units
	%	\$	\$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	46.8	230	108
Repairs made by tenant .....	18.4	25	5
Expenses of owned home .....	50.4	123	62
Expenses of summer cottage .....	4.7	26	1
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	0.8	243	2
Persons working away from home .....	4.0	75	3
Persons travelling .....	8.4	24	2
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	82.0	137	113
Other - electricity, laundry, etc...	95.3	83	79
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	96.5	97	94
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	87.8	648	569
Between meal food .....	85.5	24	20
Restaurant meals .....	44.2	57	25
Board .....	23.2	161	37
Beer .....	29.7	40	12
Other Alcoholic drinks .....	24.0	40	10
Furnishings and Equipment .....	88.0	158	139
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	24.8	74	18
Women and girls (over 14) .....	85.5	147	125
Boys (3 to 14) .....	24.0	79	19
Men and boys (over 14) .....	81.4	105	86
Children (under 3) .....	22.2	34	8
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ..	81.2	24	20
Miscellaneous .....	2.1	25	--
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	7.6	941	72
Automobile operation .....	29.4	257	76
Other .....	79.3	51	40
Medical Care .....	89.0	91	81
Personal Care .....	97.7	33	32
Education and Recreation .....	98.7	131	129
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....	96.3	243	234
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	61.2	44	27
Other - unlisted items .....	5.8	94	5
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	2,253	2,253



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TABLE 3

Family expenditure	Quebec		
	Proportion reporting the item %	Average for those reporting \$	Average for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	75.4	309	233
Repairs made by tenant.....	36.7	42	16
Expenses of owned home.....	22.1	159	35
Expenses of summer cottage.....	6.4	116	7
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	2.9	125	4
Persons working away from home.....	2.6	115	3
Persons travelling.....	6.9	54	4
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	71.7	104	74
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ....	93.6	123	115
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	99.1	128	127
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	91.9	819	753
Between meal food.....	76.5	33	25
Restaurant meals.....	43.5	146	64
Board.....	14.8	179	27
Beer.....	61.8	49	30
Other alcoholic drinks.....	51.2	29	15
Furnishings and Equipment.....	86.2	197	170
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	25.7	79	21
Women and girls (over 14).....	87.3	206	180
Boys (3 to 14).....	26.4	73	19
Men and boys (over 14).....	83.9	142	119
Children (under 3).....	21.4	33	7
Material, dry cleaning and repairs.....	79.4	41	33
Miscellaneous.....	2.7	31	1
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price.....	3.9	881	35
Automobile operation.....	13.2	299	39
Other.....	90.2	76	68
Medical Care.....	86.5	110	95
Personal Care.....	97.7	41	40
Education and Recreation.....	97.7	132	129
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....			
	96.2	294	282
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	52.6	58	30
Other - unlisted items.....	6.6	88	6
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	2,806	2,806



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TABLE 4

Family expenditure	Ontario		
	Proportion	Average	Average
	reporting the item %	for those reporting \$	for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	50.1	314	158
Repairs made by tenant.....	20.5	32	7
Expenses of owned home.....	48.9	234	114
Expenses of summer cottage.....	11.2	67	8
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	1.2	102	1
Persons working away from home.....	2.0	109	2
Persons travelling.....	17.7	34	6
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	68.0	132	90
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ....	95.1	121	115
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	96.1	102	98
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	89.1	742	662
Between meal food.....	82.7	25	21
Restaurant meals.....	57.3	66	38
Board.....	29.0	150	43
Beer.....	51.1	49	25
Other alcoholic drinks.....	40.6	30	12
Furnishings and Equipment.....	90.5	204	185
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	19.5	85	17
Women and girls (over 14).....	89.9	181	163
Boys (3 to 14).....	20.0	79	16
Men and boys (over 14).....	79.7	128	102
Children (under 3).....	19.3	39	8
Material, dry cleaning and repairs.....	90.2	38	34
Miscellaneous.....	2.7	12	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price.....	11.1	871	97
Automobile operation.....	44.1	254	112
Other.....	85.9	67	57
Medical Care.....	92.0	104	96
Personal Care.....	97.5	43	42
Education and Recreation.....	98.8	191	189
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....			
	95.8	405	388
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	71.1	46	33
Other - unlisted items.....	6.3	86	5
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	2,944	2,944



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TABLE 5

Prairie Provinces			
Family expenditure	Proportion	Average	Average
	reporting the item %	for those reporting \$	for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	54.2	270	140
Repairs made by tenant.....	16.4	24	4
Expenses of owned home.....	44.4	220	98
Expenses of summer cottage.....	9.0	95	4
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	2.0	79	2
Persons working away from home.....	4.1	97	3
Persons travelling.....	14.6	39	6
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	49.4	114	56
Other - electricity, laundry, etc.....	93.4	120	112
Soap, tobacco, etc.....	96.7	91	88
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	86.3	645	556
Between meal food.....	87.3	27	24
Restaurant meals.....	71.9	85	61
Board.....	29.4	140	41
Beer.....	60.6	37	22
Other alcoholic drinks.....	51.9	29	15
Furnishings and Equipment.....	88.6	226	201
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	17.4	72	13
Women and girls (over 14).....	83.6	185	155
Boys (3 to 14).....	19.0	73	14
Men and boys (over 14).....	81.2	144	117
Children (under 3).....	17.1	44	8
Material, dry cleaning and repairs....	87.4	41	36
Miscellaneous.....	1.5	15	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price.....	8.6	864	74
Automobile operation.....	33.3	224	75
Other.....	91.6	77	71
Medical Care.....	89.3	89	79
Personal Care.....	99.3	41	40
Education and Recreation.....	99.2	184	182
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....			
Insurance Premiums.....	96.2	348	334
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	70.2	43	30
Other - unlisted items.....	5.7	143	8
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	2,675	2,675



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TABLE 6

Family expenditure	British Columbia		
	Proportion reporting the item %	Average for those reporting \$	Average for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	45.4	261	118
Repairs made by tenant.....	17.6	33	6
Expenses of owned home.....	55.6	197	110
Expenses of summer cottage.....	3.6	54	2
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	1.2	94	1
Persons working away from home.....	3.4	96	3
Persons travelling.....	16.5	36	6
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	80.2	94	75
Other - electricity, laundry, etc.....	97.3	117	114
Soap, tobacco, etc.....	98.6	88	87
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	94.5	692	655
Between meal food.....	76.1	23	18
Restaurant meals.....	69.3	62	43
Board.....	22.6	130	29
Beer.....	55.4	35	19
Other alcoholic drinks.....	57.0	33	19
Furnishings and Equipment.....	90.9	225	204
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	17.4	76	13
Women and girls (over 14).....	85.5	153	131
Boys (3 to 14).....	19.2	78	15
Men and boys (over 14).....	82.7	121	100
Children (under 3).....	14.6	36	5
Material, dry cleaning and repairs.....	84.5	33	28
Miscellaneous.....	2.7	18	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - not price.....	8.2	1,029	85
Automobile operation.....	32.0	266	85
Other.....	89.0	83	74
Medical Care.....	90.6	97	88
Personal Care.....	97.1	39	38
Education and Recreation.....	97.4	200	195
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....	91.6	363	333
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	72.7	48	35
Other - unlisted items.....	8.7	86	8
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	2,742	2,742



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TABLE 7

Canada - single persons			
Family expenditure	Proportion	Average	Average
	reporting the item %	for those reporting \$	for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	72.2	232	168
Repairs made by tenant .....	9.6	52	5
Expenses of owned home .....	22.7	145	33
Expenses of summer cottage .....	1.7	47	1
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	0.2	14	-
Persons working away from home .....	0.2	26	-
Persons travelling .....	6.6	23	2
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	31.0	93	29
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ...	80.8	70	57
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	89.1	52	47
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	58.0	307	178
Between meal food .....	66.0	20	13
Restaurant meals .....	58.6	169	99
Board .....	37.0	220	81
Beer .....	30.8	62	19
Other alcoholic drinks .....	30.0	36	11
Furnishings and Equipment .....	59.5	62	37
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	-	-	-
Women and girls (over 14) .....	53.6	205	110
Boys (3 to 14) .....	-	-	-
Men and boys (over 14) .....	41.9	141	59
Children (under 3) .....	-	-	-
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ...	72.3	25	18
Miscellaneous .....	2.0	8	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	2.9	927	27
Automobile operation .....	14.7	261	38
Other .....	85.2	55	47
Medical Care .....	73.5	60	44
Personal Care .....	93.6	25	23
Education and Recreation .....	95.6	127	122
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and			
Insurance Premiums .....	88.3	211	186
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	46.4	56	26
Other - unlisted items .....	3.0	91	3
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	1,483	1,483



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TABLE 8

Canada - two-adult families

Family expenditure	Proportion reporting the item %	Average for those reporting \$	Average for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	54.0	339	183
Repairs made by tenant .....	26.4	33	9
Expenses of owned home .....	45.3	189	85
Expenses of summer cottage .....	9.9	54	5
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	0.2	27	-
Persons working away from home .....	2.3	122	3
Persons travelling .....	16.2	41	7
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	71.1	114	81
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ..	98.6	112	111
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	99.3	92	91
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	99.0	618	612
Between meal food .....	78.7	23	18
Restaurant meals .....	55.0	61	34
Board .....	18.8	93	17
Beer .....	52.8	43	23
Other alcoholic drinks .....	45.8	34	15
Furnishings and Equipment .....	95.3	202	193
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	-	-	-
Women and girls (over 14) .....	93.7	161	151
Boys (3 to 14) .....	-	-	-
Men and boys (over 14) .....	88.0	110	97
Children (under 3) .....	-	-	-
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ..	83.3	33	27
Miscellaneous .....	3.9	24	1
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	8.3	1,038	86
Automobile operation .....	34.6	247	86
Other .....	86.4	68	59
Medical Care .....	90.4	91	83
Personal Care .....	98.1	38	37
Education and Recreation .....	98.6	152	150
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....	96.3	379	365
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	66.2	38	25
Other - unlisted items .....	6.9	72	5
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	2,659	2,659



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TABLE 9

Family expenditure	Canada - medium sized families		
	Proportion reporting the item %	Average for those reporting \$	Average for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	51.8	321	166
Repairs made by tenant .....	27.3	34	9
Expenses of owned home .....	48.8	228	111
Expenses of summer cottage .....	11.1	71	8
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	1.8	111	2
Persons working away from home .....	3.7	91	3
Persons travelling .....	16.1	35	6
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	81.7	120	98
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ..	98.8	136	135
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	99.9	124	124
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	99.2	824	817
Between meal food .....	89.6	29	26
Restaurant meals .....	59.4	53	32
Board .....	20.9	113	24
Beer .....	65.5	40	26
Other alcoholic drinks .....	53.7	27	15
Furnishings and Equipment .....	98.5	247	243
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	32.6	75	24
Women and girls (over 14) .....	98.6	166	164
Boys (3 to 14) .....	34.7	73	25
Men and boys (over 14) .....	96.9	125	121
Children (under 3) .....	37.0	38	14
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ..	91.9	42	38
Miscellaneous .....	2.3	18	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	11.0	906	100
Automobile operation .....	39.9	254	101
Other .....	89.5	73	65
Medical Care .....	96.2	117	112
Personal Care .....	99.6	47	47
Education and Recreation .....	99.5	191	190
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....			
	98.9	394	390
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	73.3	47	35
Other - unlisted items .....	7.9	91	7
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	3,278	3,278



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TABLE 10

Canada - large families

Family Expenditure	Proportion	Average	Average
	reporting the item %	for those reporting \$	for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	47.6	280	133
Repairs made by tenant .....	30.4	32	10
Expenses of owned home .....	51.1	200	102
Expenses of summer cottage .....	7.7	130	10
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	7.0	130	9
Persons working away from home .....	6.3	91	6
Persons travelling .....	12.6	55	7
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	92.8	133	123
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ...	99.5	141	140
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	100.0	161	161
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	100.0	1,152	1,152
Between meal food .....	88.2	37	33
Restaurant meals .....	44.6	82	36
Board .....	22.1	154	34
Beer .....	63.5	52	33
Other alcoholic drinks .....	48.6	31	15
Furnishings and Equipment .....	98.2	230	226
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	60.5	89	54
Women and girls (over 14) .....	99.4	260	259
Boys (3 to 14) .....	60.2	81	49
Men and boys (over 14) .....	98.6	183	180
Children (under 3) .....	33.2	32	11
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ...	95.2	51	47
Miscellaneous .....	1.5	21	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	9.6	577	55
Automobile operation .....	33.1	281	93
Other .....	38.2	104	92
Medical Care .....	97.3	131	127
Personal Care .....	99.6	57	57
Education and Recreation .....	99.5	210	209
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....			
Insurance Premiums .....	97.7	375	367
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	73.7	58	43
Other - unlisted items .....	7.7	152	12
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	3,885	3,885



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TABLE 11

Maritimes			
Family expenditure	Proportion	Average	Average
	reporting the item %	for those reporting \$	for all spending units \$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	44.0	244	107
Repairs made by tenant.....	23.2	20	4
Expenses of owned home.....	55.0	132	73
Expenses of summer cottage.....	61.2	15	1
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	.5	256	1
Persons working away from home.....	5.4	81	4
Persons travelling.....	10.9	24	3
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	96.2	142	136
Other - electricity, laundry, etc....	98.9	98	97
Soap, tobacco, etc.....	100.0	104	104
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	99.5	690	687
Between meal food.....	91.8	26	24
Restaurant meals.....	45.6	15	7
Board.....	17.2	92	16
Beer.....	38.9	31	12
Other alcoholic drinks.....	25.1	32	8
Furnishings and Equipment.....	99.0	202	200
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	33.9	62	21
Women and girls (over 14).....	98.0	130	127
Boys (3 to 14).....	33.7	73	25
Men and boys (over 14).....	96.5	94	91
Children (under 3).....	38.2	38	14
Material, dry cleaning and repairs...	91.1	26	23
Miscellaneous.....	1.9	36	1
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price.....	8.6	1,038	90
Automobile operation.....	34.0	193	66
Other.....	80.5	48	39
Medical Care.....	91.8	102	93
Personal Care.....	100.0	36	36
Education and Recreation.....	99.5	146	145
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....	98.6	236	233
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	62.6	31	19
Other - Unlisted items.....	6.2	107	7
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	2,514	2,514



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TABLE 12

Quebec

Family expenditure

Proportion reporting the item	Average for those reporting	Average for all spending units
%	\$	\$

Expenditure Items:

Housing:

Total rent paid.....	73.8	329	243
Repairs made by tenant.....	42.2	40	17
Expenses of owned home.....	23.8	163	39
Expenses of summer cottage.....	8.6	110	9

Lodging:

Persons at school.....	1.6	87	1
Persons working away from home.....	2.7	78	2
Persons travelling.....	8.2	50	4

Other Household Expenses:

Fuel.....	81.4	102	83
Other - electricity, laundry, etc....	97.6	137	134
Soap, tobacco, etc.....	100.0	141	141

Food:

Eaten at home.....	99.2	841	834
Between meal food.....	85.7	32	27
Restaurant meals.....	45.4	73	33
Board.....	12.9	128	17
Beer.....	70.9	45	32
Other alcoholic drinks.....	55.5	26	14

Furnishings and Equipment.....

96.8	224	217
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Clothing:

Girls (3 to 14).....	32.2	73	24
Women and girls (over 14).....	97.1	181	176
Boys (3 to 14).....	34.8	70	24
Men and boys (over 14).....	95.4	123	117
Children (under 3).....	37.9	36	14
Material, dry cleaning and repairs...	87.0	43	37
Miscellaneous.....	2.2	20	--

Transportation:

Automobile - net price.....	6.2	795	49
Automobile operation.....	16.7	269	45
Other.....	92.2	77	71

Medical Care.....

94.6	117	111
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Personal Care.....

98.7	44	44
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Education and Recreation.....

98.9	142	140
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Taxes, Charitable Contributions and

Insurance Premiums.....	98.2	345	339
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Miscellaneous Expenses.....

58.5	50	29
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Other - unlisted items.....

7.9	72	6
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Total Expenditure.....	100.0	3,073	3,073
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TABLE 13

Ontario			
Family expenditure	Proportion reporting the item	Average for those reporting	Average for all spending units
	%	\$	\$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	45.7	334	153
Repairs made by tenant .....	23.2	32	8
Expenses of owned home .....	56.1	260	145
Expenses of summer cottage .....	15.0	717	11
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	2.3	113	3
Persons working away from home .....	3.4	111	4
Persons travelling .....	21.1	29	6
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	83.1	132	109
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ..	99.0	140	138
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	99.9	122	122
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	98.8	852	842
Between meal food .....	91.0	28	26
Restaurant meals .....	62.6	51	32
Board .....	26.6	116	31
Beer .....	63.6	43	27
Other alcoholic drinks .....	50.0	26	13
Furnishings and Equipment .....	98.8	246	243
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	33.5	79	26
Women and girls (over 14) .....	99.2	165	164
Boys (3 to 14) .....	34.4	76	26
Men and boys (over 14) .....	97.5	127	124
Children (under 3) .....	37.7	39	15
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ..	93.6	42	40
Miscellaneous .....	2.5	15	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	14.4	886	127
Automobile operation .....	55.3	258	143
Other .....	87.5	67	58
Medical Care .....	97.6	124	121
Personal Care .....	99.8	49	49
Education and Recreation .....	99.6	215	214
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and			
Insurance Premiums .....	99.1	443	439
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	80.4	46	37
Other - unlisted items .....	8.6	83	7
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	3,503	3,503



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TABLE 14

Prairies			
Family expenditure	Proportion reporting the item	Average for those reporting	Average for all spending units
	%	\$	\$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid.....	46.6	320	149
Repairs made by tenant.....	21.1	24	5
Expenses of owned home.....	56.8	226	129
Expenses of summer cottage.....	11.8	42	5
Lodging:			
Persons at school.....	2.2	103	2
Persons working away from home.....	4.0	82	3
Persons travelling.....	16.1	46	8
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel.....	62.5	120	75
Other - electricity, laundry, etc....	99.2	138	137
Soap, tobacco, etc.....	100.0	115	115
Food:			
Eaten at home.....	99.5	765	762
Between meal food.....	91.6	36	27
Restaurant meals.....	70.4	54	38
Board.....	21.8	112	24
Beer.....	73.2	31	23
Other alcoholic drinks.....	63.5	24	15
Furnishings and Equipment.....	99.3	268	266
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14).....	30.4	70	21
Women and girls (over 14).....	99.3	165	164
Boys (3 to 14).....	34.7	69	24
Men and boys (over 14).....	97.8	134	131
Children (under 3).....	36.2	42	16
Material, dry cleaning and repairs...	94.4	45	42
Miscellaneous.....	1.3	12	-
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price.....	10.8	899	97
Automobile operation.....	40.0	223	89
Other.....	94.6	73	69
Medical Care.....	97.1	106	103
Personal Care.....	100.0	48	48
Education and Recreation.....	100.0	197	197
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums.....	100.0	403	403
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	78.8	46	37
Other - unlisted items.....	5.9	156	9
Total Expenditure.....	100.0	3,233	3,233



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TABLE 15

Family expenditure	British Columbia		
	Proportion reporting the item	Average for those reporting	Average for all Spending Units
	%	\$	\$
Expenditure Items:			
Housing:			
Total rent paid .....	35.5	298	106
Repairs made by tenant .....	19.1	36	7
Expenses of owned home .....	65.2	251	164
Expenses of summer cottage .....	6.2	55	4
Lodging:			
Persons at school .....	.6	178	1
Persons working away from home .....	5.4	82	5
Persons travelling .....	21.1	37	8
Other Household Expenses:			
Fuel .....	91.2	104	95
Other - electricity, laundry, etc. ...	99.7	150	150
Soap, tobacco, etc. ....	99.5	118	118
Food:			
Eaten at home .....	100.0	870	870
Between meal food .....	89.0	28	25
Restaurant meals .....	77.1	47	36
Board .....	21.1	96	20
Beer .....	71.1	31	22
Other alcoholic drinks .....	73.6	33	24
Furnishings and Equipment .....	99.5	309	307
Clothing:			
Girls (3 to 14) .....	32.6	78	25
Women and girls (over 14) .....	99.5	168	167
Boys (3 to 14) .....	36.2	76	27
Men and boys (over 14) .....	97.3	137	133
Children (under 3) .....	32.2	35	11
Material, dry cleaning and repairs ...	94.4	45	42
Miscellaneous .....	3.3	19	1
Transportation:			
Automobile - net price .....	12.4	1,052	131
Automobile operation .....	43.8	298	131
Other .....	90.8	104	94
Medical Care .....	97.3	116	112
Personal Care .....	99.7	51	51
Education and Recreation .....	100.0	247	247
Taxes, Charitable Contributions and Insurance Premiums .....	98.9	449	444
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	84.2	59	50
Other - unlisted items .....	9.9	92	9
Total Expenditure .....	100.0	3,637	3,637



DEFINITION OF EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES USED IN THE TABLES

In the expenditure sections of the questionnaire families were asked to enter the full purchase price of any goods bought, and the cost of services received whether or not they were paid for in the year under consideration. However, the purchase of a house during the survey year, or principal payments on a house bought previously, were not included on the expenditure side because these payments were regarded as an increase in assets, not an expense for current consumption. Sales and excise taxes were included in the price of goods bought.

Some of the expenditure items appearing in the tables, are explained in more detail below:

1. RENT

This item covers rents paid for all kinds of accommodation, including single rooms. The payment may cover various services beyond actual shelter, such as furnishings, heat, light, water and so on. Where rooms and board were paid for in a lump sum amounts were allocated to rent and to board on the basis of the number of meals per day covered by the total payment.

3. EXPENSES OF OWNED HOME

Included here are property taxes or special assessments due in the year covered (but not back taxes), insurance premiums due on the home, interest due on mortgage (not principal payments), repairs and replacements (not improvements), and such miscellaneous expenses as upkeep of driveway, transfer of title, resurvey of property, etc.

8. FUEL

Coal, wood, sawdust, coke, kerosene, gasoline (not for use in a car), and fuel oil are included.

9. OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

This category covers expenses for ice, water, gas, electricity, telephone, laundry sent out, moving, freight, postage and telegraph, wages, uniforms and gifts for paid household help, and small items such as freezer lock, post-office box, garbage disposal, ink, etc.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

This item includes laundry and toilet soap, bleaches, scouring powder, polishes, floor wax, paper supplies, cigarettes, tobacco, pipes and other smoking supplies.

11. FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT

This covers such items as kitchen equipment, cleaning equipment, laundry equipment, furniture, floor covering, glass, china and silverware, household textiles and the servicing, repairing, cleaning, insurance and rental of such furnishings and equipment.

23. CLOTHING MATERIAL AND SERVICES

Yard goods, yarn, pins, needles, thread, dry cleaning, storage of clothing, seamstress and tailor charges, watch and jewelry repair, dyeing, and clothing repair are included in this category.

24. OTHER CLOTHING EXPENSE

This category includes the infrequent items of clothing which could not be classified under the headings used in the questionnaire.

25. NET PRICE OF CARS BOUGHT

Trade-in allowances, if any, were deducted from the price of cars bought. If a car was bought to be used partly for business, the appropriate fraction of its cost was subtracted from family living expenses and transferred to increase in investment in business.

26. AUTOMOBILE OPERATION

The costs of automobile operation include tires, tubes, gas and oil, repairs, parts, servicing, automobile insurance, car and drivers' licences, parking and



26. AUTOMOBILE OPERATION - cont'd

garage rent, tolls, heaters, seat covers, fines, and accessories. If the car was used partly for business the appropriate fraction of its operation costs was subtracted from family living expenses and treated instead as a business expense to be deducted from gross business income.

27. OTHER TRANSPORTATION

Included here are taxi fares, rent of car, purchase and upkeep of motorcycle, bicycle or boat if these were used mainly for transportation rather than recreation, street-car, bus and ferry fares, train, bus, plane or ship fares.

28. MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE

This category covers professional services by a doctor, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist or optician, cost of eye glasses and repairs to them, dental care including x-rays, hospital and nursing care, physiotherapy, medicines and drugs and appliances and supplies such as thermometers, syringes, adhesive tape, etc.

29. PERSONAL CARE

This item includes the cost of haircuts, shaves, permanent waves, shampoos and finger waves, shaving soap, hair preparations, tooth-paste, cosmetics, combs, toothbrushes, razors, hair pins, cleaning tissues, etc.

30. RECREATION, READING, EDUCATION, GIFTS

Recreation expenses include movies, admissions to plays, concerts, dances, fairs, etc., the cost of children's toys and equipment; equipment, fees and licences for games and sports, dues to social and recreational clubs; hobbies, pets, radios, phonographs, records, musical instruments, cameras and films. The expenses of a vacation do not all appear here but were entered under housing, transportation, and the other appropriate headings. Education expenses include school books and supplies, tuition for students and special lessons in music, dancing and so on. Under gifts were included gifts to persons outside the economic family, and contributions to the support of relatives outside the economic family. Gifts exchanged by members of the family were not entered here, but in the appropriate expenditure section of the questionnaire.

31. PERSONAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS, TAXES, CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, etc.

This item includes income taxes, personal property taxes, succession duties, contributions to charitable, religious and educational organizations, personal insurance premiums (minus dividends received), payments for group medical care and group hospitalization, health and accident insurance premiums, unemployment insurance, payments to retirement or pension funds, poll taxes, duty, etc.

32. OTHER EXPENSES

This covers interest on personal loans, bank service charges, funeral expenses, personal legal expenses, money lost or stolen, expenses of garden, contributions to cooperatives, political organizations, alumni associations, etc., union dues, business and professional association dues, and tools, supplies and equipment required by wage workers in their jobs.

33. UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

As the heading implies, this was a category for expenses which did not fit under any other heading or for expenses which the respondent could not allocate to the various sections (wedding expenses for instance). The category was used infrequently.



APPENDIX "B"

NUMBER OF SCHEDULES TABULATED IN PRECEDING TABLES

- Table 1 -

Spending Unit Type	Canada
	<u>Non-Farm</u>
Single Persons.....	393
Two Adults.....	860
Medium Sized Families.....	1,825
Large Families.....	491
Total (1).....	3,609

(1) Includes Broken Families.

- Table 2 -

	Medium Sized Families	Total Families and Single Persons
Maritimes.....	178	348
Quebec.....	464	954
Ontario.....	643	1,212
Prairies.....	286	598
British Columbia....	254	497

APPENDIX

NUMBER OF SUBSTANCES TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION

Table 1

Canada

Spending Unit Type

Non-Farm

Single persons.....	392
Two adults.....	502
Medium sized families.....	1,212
Large families.....	481
Total (1).....	2,587

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(1) Includes Broken Shells

Table 2

Spending Unit Type	Number	Total Families and Single Persons
Single persons.....	172	242
Two adults.....	402	572
Medium sized families.....	1,212	1,782
Large families.....	481	692
Total.....	2,267	3,286